

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegthem, Haggerty, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was DiMaria.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to include #8c and six additional travel requests. **The Motion Carried.**

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,153,941.54, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED (WITH TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI, PLLC/CIRCUIT COURT FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

REVIEW ADDENDUM TO LIVING WAGE POLICY

Commissioner Vosburg explained that when the Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the list of applicants using the existing policy, they realized that it did not address all of the issues that would arise for organizations seeking exemptions.

Commissioner Doherty provided an overview of the changes. She said there was one that was not included on the summary, which indicates that 25 percent of their business has to be in Macomb County in order to apply.

Commissioner DeSaele referred to the change that the Director of Board Services will be doing the review rather than the Finance Department or Corporation Counsel. Commissioner Doherty indicated that the task will be to analyze the numbers and determine that the packet of information submitted was complete.

Commissioner Bruley said he had a concern with the change to Section 9 and asked that it be separated.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GIELEGHEM, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LIVING WAGE POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION, AS PRESENTED.

MOTION

A motion was made by Bruley, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to postpone the proposed change to Section 9 and refer back to the Ad Hoc Committee for further detail.

Commissioner Vosburg indicated that this was not part of the Ad Hoc Committee's work.

Commissioner Gieleghem felt this should be referred back to the Finance Committee and it would be the Chair's discretion as to what needs to happen with this section.

Chair Slinde stated that she will review whether it should be referred back to the Finance Committee or the Health Services Committee.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion to refer and **The Motion was Defeated.**

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the main motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH BRULEY AND RENGERT VOTING "NO."**

APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AUDIT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AUDIT AS PREPARED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2-4-08 MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM LIVING WAGE POLICY

Commissioner Doherty requested that a, b and c be dealt with separately.

Authorize Exemptions

The following providers are being recommended for an exemption: All-Ways Care, Angels' Place, Blue Water Developmental Housing, Developmental Essential Services, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Michigan Share, Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center and Progressive Residential/Comprehensive Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE LIVING WAGE POLICY FOR THE PROVIDERS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SHEET, TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF THE FEBRUARY FULL BOARD MEETING DATE AND EXPIRING WHEN THE CONTRACTS EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Review Four Remaining Providers (referred to Finance)

The four remaining providers are as follows: ExpertCare Management Services, Millennium Treatment Services, LLC, Natural Freedom and The Manor.

Commissioner Doherty stated that The Manor can be excluded because of policy changes and she is waiting for material from the Millennium Treatment Services, LLC.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY J. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE LIVING WAGE POLICY FOR EXPERTCARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND NATURAL FREEDOM, TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF THE FEBRUARY FULL BOARD MEETING DATE AND EXPIRING WHEN THE CONTRACTS EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Vosburg, to appoint the following law firms:

Hardy, Lewis & Page, P.C. to represent Macomb County in the case of Jason Glick vs. Macomb County, et al;

Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook to represent Macomb County and the Parks Commission in the case of Douglas Johnson and Rev. Gloria Johnson vs. Macomb County, et al and

PlunkettCooney, P.C. to represent Philip Abdoo and Macomb County in the case of Jennifer McCarty, personal representative of the estate of Gary McCarty vs. Philip Abdoo, Macomb County, et al.

The Motion Carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2008 AS NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WEEK IN MACOMB COUNTY
(offered by Board Chair)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY ROCCA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2008 AS NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WEEK IN MACOMB COUNTY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Chair Slinde stated that the request from the Planning and Economic Development Department to China will be separated because it requires a two-thirds vote.

Commissioner Drolet requested separation of the request for the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Doherty, to approve the travel requests as submitted, with the exception of those separated. **The Motion Carried,**

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Drolet stated that he was opposed to sending additional personnel to the Mackinac Policy Conference.

AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Drolet, to remove the two Commissioners from the request and only approve the Finance Director.

Commissioner Bruley requested a friendly amendment to allow one Commissioner to attend in addition to the Board Chair. Commissioner Szczepanski did not accept that.

AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Bruley, supported by Gielegghem, to allow one Commissioner to attend the Mackinac Policy Conference in addition to the Board Chair. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion to approve, as amended, and **The Motion Carried.**

Planning & Economic Development Department

Mr. Cassin responded to questions raised by Commissioner Szczepanski.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the travel request to China and **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the travel request to Mackinac and **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lund informed committee that F. Jack Witt, III, the recommended candidate for the Director of the Human Resources Department, has declined the position.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Sauger, to adjourn the meeting at 10 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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Committee Reporter